

# **EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING: October 14, 2009**

**East Windsor Police Department**

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-Chairman Sinsigallo. Commissioners Devanney, Sauerhoefer and Sherman were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Chairman Nelson was absent.

## **2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to add to #9 New Business, a) “vote on 2010 Meeting Dates”. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. No discussion

**VOTE IN FAVOR:** Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Devanney

**ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes from September 9, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to accept the regular meeting minutes of 9/9/09, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. No discussion.

**VOTE IN FAVOR:** Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Devanney

**ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:**

**A) Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to accept the monthly billing, dated October 8, 2009 in the amount of \$ 7,165.05. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman.

Discussion: Commissioner Sauerhoefer asked Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart to clarify Line item #7 of \$882.36 (Vehicle Maintenance). Deputy Chief Hart explained that the costs to outfit the new vehicle over-ran capital expenditures – this due to inflation costs and the length of time the process took. Deputy Chief Hart further explained that some parts, unexpectedly, needed to be retro-fitted to fit the new car (partition, antennas); extra parts were needed as well as a power adaptor. No further discussion

**VOTE IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Police Department – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to accept the monthly financial statement, as presented (10/8/09). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to accept the monthly billing, dated September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to accept monthly financial statement, as presented (9/30/09). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. Discussion: Commissioner Sherman questioned the fiscal year date listed below the Financial Statement title. Currently states Fiscal Year 2008/2009, needs to be updated to read Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Recording Secretary to update. No further discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. PUBLIC INPUT #1 – Comments and Discussion (5 minute maximum per subject):**

A) Selectwoman Nelson expressed her thanks to the Police Commission and Police Department for opening up the Police Department at last month's meeting for a tour of the building and to see what changes have been made and what is still needed.

B) Resident, Mr. Wolfgang Kiss, of 43 Prospect Hill Drive, East Windsor asked about the outcome of his request, at last month's meeting, of installing speed bumps on Prospect Hill Drive to slow down speeders. Mr. Kiss also expressed concern that the issue of speed bumps were not mentioned in last month's minutes, as he did address the issue at that meeting. Also, Mr. Kiss clarified that the parking issue mentioned at the last meeting is specific to the intersection of Prospect Hill Drive and Button Lane.

Chief DeMarco stated that he needs to confer with the Chairman before responding at this point. Chief DeMarco recommended that Mr. Kiss write a letter to the Commission to start the process of review. Commissioner Devanney addressed Mr. Kiss asking if he will proceed with a letter. Mr. Kiss agreed and will write a letter to the Commission, addressed to Chairman Nelson.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

## **7. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

None at this time.

## **8. PUBLIC INPUT #2 – Comments only – NO DISCUSSION:**

None at this time.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

A) 2010 Meeting Dates

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to accept the East Windsor Police Commission 2010 Meeting Dates, as presented by the East Windsor Police Commission's Recording Secretary. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Enclosed in the commissioner's packets were the following:

1. E-mail from Jason Bowsza, dated 9/28/09, regarding blight ordinance and resident complaint. Deputy Chief Hart explained that, at this time, this is not a police department issue. There is currently an abandoned vehicle ordinance in process that would involve the police department – it is to be discussed at the 10/20/09 BOS meeting. Chief DeMarco added that there is an ordinance that does not empower the police department to get involved – but eventually will be assisted by police department. Commissioner Devanney asked if the Chief and Deputy Chief feel that the police should be involved in such issues. Chief DeMarco replied, yes. Deputy Chief Hart added that most towns do have the police department involved.
2. Article from *Rockville Reminder* regarding the paddle tour of the Scantic River – included Dick Sherman, Chairman of the American Heritage River Commission in the article and photos.
3. Article from *Journal Inquirer*, 10/10-11/09, regarding re-opened substation in Broad Brook.

## **11. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

A) Chief of Police – Submitted written report to commission.

1. Chief DeMarco reminded the commission that CIP requests will be due soon. He explained to the commission that there are two areas that the department would like to address with regards to CIP:

a) Vehicle needs: Chief DeMarco requested three cruisers for the police department, at a time that will best suit the needs of the agency. Brief discussion followed with Chief DeMarco explaining that cruisers will be needed, however, which areas of the agency and when they will be needed are requested to be left to the department's consideration.

b) Men's Locker Room at the Police Department needs renovating.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Sauerhoefer questioned who sits on the CIP board that may represent the police department. Selectwoman Nelson responded that Blaine Simpkins represents public safety on CIP. Commissioner Sherman expressed concern that Mr. Simpkins may not know exactly what to push for with regards to the police department. Commissioner Sherman continued to state that, in the past, there was more communication and opportunity for someone from the police commission to attend CIP and offer more input. Selectwoman Nelson stated that she will find out if there are any remaining openings on CIP for possible police department representation.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to request (to CIP) three cruisers, by the needs of the agency, and to bring the men's locker room up to date. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Chief DeMarco explained that there are numerous programs in the past that are no longer utilized, mainly due to lack of manpower and cuts. Many of those programs have unused donations sitting there – some for many years (i.e. polygraph program, DARE, car safety seats).

Chief DeMarco commented that, in the past and at the start of the year, the department worked hard to make the budget numbers work and has done a good job. The first quarter has been good. Chief DeMarco explained that if all stagnant, old donations are consolidated, that consolidated amount would pay for the authorized firearm and related equipment purchase. Chief DeMarco further added that, with the last few years being rough with cutbacks, changes and reductions, this money would help with the cost of public safety.

Chief DeMarco handed out a breakdown of the donation lines with accounts to close. Commissioner Devanney questioned the “School Resource Activity” line. Chief DeMarco stated that that money was for services held at the school after (for example) basketball games – pizza parties. He stated that it has not been done in a period of time due to cuts with overtime.

Commissioner Sinsigallo questioned why the monies have not been rolled into the General Fund. Chief DeMarco responded that these do not apply as they are individual line items separated from other department money.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to consolidate the following accounts:

D.A.R.E. Donations:	2-67-15-1025-7-203-0000-2 and	
	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1035-0	\$ 506.10
7-Eleven Donation:	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1034-0	\$ 267.55
Police Gym Equip.:	2-67-15-1025-7-199-0000-0 and	
	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1048-0	\$ 69.00
School Resource Activity	2-67-15-1025-7-798-0000-2 and	
	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1049-0	\$1,049.12
Polygraph	2-67-15-1025-7-157-0000-2 and	
	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1054-0	\$ 775.00
Car Safety Seat	2-67-15-1025-7-153-0000-1 and	
	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1036-0	\$4,196.12

Totaling \$6,862.89 and to be added to the following account:

Donations/Police Dept.	2-67-15-1025-7-140-0000-2 and	
	1-67-10-1025-7-798-1035-0	\$ 525.86

for a consolidated total of \$7,388.75 for the purpose of purchasing authorized firearms and related equipment. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Regarding the cold case homicides, Chief DeMarco commented that Detective Matthew Carl will finish the cases. Chief DeMarco commented that Detective Carl is making good progress. The Chief opened the table for questions from the commissioners. No further questions or discussion.

B) Commission Members - None at this time.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Devanney to go into Executive Session (7:30pm) for Legal Update to include the Chief and Deputy Chief. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer.

**VOTE IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

No action taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Devanney made a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sauerhoefer.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Devanney/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Christine Pellegrini**

**EWPC Recording Secretary**